

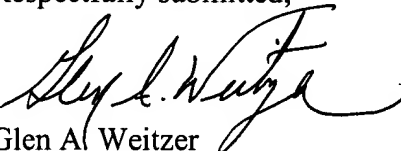
REMARKS

Applicants cancel claims 2, 13, 15, 16, 29, 30, 33, and 34 and amend claims 1 and 24 such that claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 19, 23, 24, 27, and 28 are pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request allowance of all the pending claims.

Applicants initially note with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 19, 23, 24, 27, and 28 and identified allowable subject matter in claims 2-6. In response, Applicants rewrite allowable objected-to claim 2 in independent form as amended independent claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable. Claims 3-6 and 8-10 depend from allowable independent claim 1 and are therefore also allowable for these and other reasons.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should the Examiner determine that such action would facilitate the prosecution and allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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